HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE 40^{TH} ANNIVERSARY OF THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1972.

WHEREAS, Hawaii is a partner in the National Coastal Zone Management Program, which was established by the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, in 2012, coastal states, commonwealths, and territories of the United States are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Coastal Zone Management Act and sound management of coastal, ocean, and Great Lakes resources; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Program was approved in 1977 and codified as Chapter 205A, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, section 205A-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires state and county agencies with authority over actions in a coastal zone management area to give full consideration to ecological, cultural, historic, aesthetic, recreational, scenic, and open space values; coastal hazards; and the need for economic development in implementing the objectives of the Coastal Zone Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the State has a responsibility to manage and conserve the public trust in coastal and ocean ecosystems as well as the quality of life in coastal communities for the benefit of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the federal-state partnership established by the Coastal Zone Management Act empowers the State, through funding and program support, to meet its public trust obligations in coastal and ocean ecosystems; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, that this body recognizes the 40th anniversary of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, and supports the State's role in the stewardship of coastal and ocean resources in partnership with the federal government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Acting Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, Assistant Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Ocean Service, Hawaii's congressional delegation, and the Governor.

OFFERED BY: Denny Coffee

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